

REMARKS

This Application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office Action. Applicants appreciate the Examiner's consideration of the Application. In order to advance prosecution of this Application, Applicants have responded to each notation by the Examiner. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and favorable action in this case.

Section 101 Rejection

The Examiner rejects Claims 22-28 under 35 U.S.C. § 101. Applicants have amended the claims in accordance with instructions provided by the Examiner. Applicants respectfully submit that the claims are allowable under 35 U.S.C. § 101.

Double Patenting

The Examiner provisionally rejects Claims 1-28 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over 1-5 and 7-28 of copending U.S. Patent Application No. 10/669021 (now allowed). Applicants do not necessarily agree with or acquiesce to the Examiner's comments regarding the claims of the present Application or their purported relationship to the claims of the patent. Enclosed with this Response, however, is a Terminal Disclaimer in compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.321(c) to overcome the obviousness-type double patenting rejection. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the double patenting rejection of these claims is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

Applicants have made an earnest attempt to place this case in condition for allowance. For at least the foregoing reasons, Applicants respectfully request full allowance of all the pending claims.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would advance prosecution of this case in any way, the Examiner is invited to contact Keiko Ichiye, the Attorney for Applicants, at the Examiner's convenience at (214) 953-6494.

Although Applicants believe no fees are due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 02-0384 of Baker Botts L.L.P.

Respectfully submitted,

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